

10603. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's mid-year Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 225a; jointly to the Committees on Banking and Financial Services and Education and the Workforce.

10604. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) implementation of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) Land Withdrawal Act, pursuant to Public Law 102-579; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and National Security.

10605. A letter from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to amend titles XI, XVIII, and XIX of the Social Security to permit paid staff other than nurse aides and licensed health professionals to provide feeding and hydration assistance to residents in nursing facilities participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs (and to provide special training requirements for such staff), and to establish a program to ensure that such facilities do not employ individuals who have a history of patient or resident abuse or have been convicted of certain crimes; jointly to the Committees on Commerce and Ways and Means.

10606. A letter from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmit-

ting a draft of proposed legislation to establish the District Court of the Virgin Islands as a court under article III of the United States Constitution; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Resources.

10607. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a draft of proposed legislation to provide for implementation by the United States of the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption, and for other purposes; jointly to the Committees on International Relations, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary.

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#### MEMORIALS

Under clause 4 of rule XXII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

389. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 176 memorializing the President and the United States Congress to exercise a stance of uncompromising opposition to religious persecution around the world; to the Committee on International Relations.

390. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of The Mariana Islands,

relative to House Resolution No. 11-65 memorializing the United States Congress to consider the position of the CNMI and to reject Senate Bill 1275 as amended and to require the Commonwealth and Federal Government to consult and negotiate with each other on immigration and labor issues; to the Committee on Resources.

391. Also, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, relative to House Resolution No. 322 memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Automobile National Heritage Area Act; to the Committee on Resources.

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#### PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 1 of rule XXII, petitions and papers were laid on the clerk's desk and referred as follows:

72. The SPEAKER presented a petition of the City Council of Detroit, Michigan, relative to Resolution 2183 opposing the proposed restrictions on advocacy work of charitable organizations and non-profit groups that do not represent the people like big business; to the Committee on House Oversight.